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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A dielectric composition comprising a mixture of :

a ceramic composition containing  $Ba_aRE_bTi_cO_3$ , wherein RE represents a rare earth element, with  $0.05 \leq a \leq 0.25$ ,  $0.525 \leq b \leq 0.70$ ,  $0.85 \leq c \leq 1.0$ , and  $2a + 3b + 4c = 6$ , and free from lead and bismuth,

a glass composition comprising  $SiO_2$ , a bivalent metal oxide chosen from the group consisting of  $MgO$  and  $ZnO$  and ~~at least 10% greater than 10% to about 25%~~ by weight with respect to the glass composition of a further metal oxide consisting of  $Li_2O$ , said glass composition substantially free from boron, and

a metal oxide which is different from the bivalent metal oxide present in the glass composition

~~said dielectric composition comprising greater than 10% to about 25%  $Li_2O$  by weight.~~

2. (previously presented) A dielectric composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the metal oxide in the dielectric composition is an oxide of a metal chosen from the group consisting of magnesium, zinc, copper, manganese, cobalt, iron, nickel, erbium, holmium, indium, dysprosium, tungsten and yttrium.

3. (canceled)

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4. (currently amended) A dielectric composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glass composition essentially consists of 50-80% by weight of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and 5-25% by weight of  $\text{MgO}$ .

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A dielectric composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the glass composition is present in an amount of 3 to less than about 5% by weight with respect to the ceramic composition.

8-14. (canceled)